

PAUL HOBBS

2021 BLANC DE NOIRS

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Clonal selection: 667, Calera, Montrachet
- Rootstocks: Schwarzman, 420a, 3309
- Site: Roger Wishard Estate

GROWING SEASON

One of the best vintages in recent memory, 2021 will be remembered for its intensely flavored berries, a smooth harvest and most importantly, exquisitely balanced, nuanced, and vivid wines. The season began with historically low rainfall which, coupled with a cold winter, delayed bud break. However, despite the cooler start to the year, the remainder of the season proved to be temperate with no relevant unfavorable weather events. Warm temps and mild May weather conditions, for example, favored a compact bloom and an extremely uniform fruit set with highly desirable small berries and moderately sized, well-spaced clusters. Meanwhile, summer's long, cool mornings and warm afternoons permitted the fruit on the vine to take a slow, leisurely ride to full maturity—excellent for the physiological fruit development we prize. Harvest kicked-off punctually at 12:01 am, September 6, and after six glorious weeks, blessed our house with a fine crop of remarkably delicious, energetic, young wines.

HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest date: August 11

WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Whole-cluster bladder pressed
- Indigenous yeast fermentation
- Aged 9 months in stainless steel tanks
- 80% pinot noir, 20% chardonnay
- Méthode traditionnelle
- Style: brut
- Bottled: May 2022
- En tirage: 3 years
- Disgorged: May 2025

TASTING NOTES

Crystalline light straw, this wine displays a fine, delicate mousse and opens with aromas of white peach, Rainier cherry, and delicate white florals. The palate is bright and refreshing, revealing layers of white strawberry, raspberry blossom, and a touch of flaky sea salt. A refined minerality carries through to a crisp, lingering finish.